

c' Claim 21 (new) An edible product comprising a solid or semi-solid foodstuff and a calcareous residue of corallinaceae containing primarily mineral substances with a content of heavy metals below the upper limits acceptable for edible products, wherein the calcareous residue of corallinaceae is present in an amount, within the range of 0.5% to 5% by weight of the edible product, such that the edible product has improved organoleptic properties as compared to the same product free of said residue.

Claim 22 (new) An edible product according to Claim 21, in which the foodstuff contains fat material, the corallinaceae residue being in a generally dispersed condition in the fat material.

Claim 23 (new) An edible product according to Claim 21, in which the foodstuff is a foodstuff to be consumed in a frozen form.)

Claim 24(new) An edible product according to Claim 21, in which the foodstuff is a carbohydrate product.

Claim 25 (new) An edible product according to Claim 22, in which the foodstuff is a chocolate product.

Claim 26 (new)-An edible product according to Claim 24, in which the foodstuff is a farinaceous product.

Claim 27 (new) An edible product according to Claim 26, in which the foodstuff is primarily composed of a starch-based material.

Claim 28 (new) An edible product according to Claim 21, wherein the calcareous residue is present in an amount of between about 0.5 to 3% by weight.

Claim 29 (new) An edible product according to Claim 28, wherein the calcareous residue is present in an amount of 1 to 2% by weight of the product.

Claim 30 (new) An edible product according to Claim 21, in which the calcareous residue also has a nutritive effect.

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Claim 31 (new) An edible product according to Claim 21, in which the organoleptic properties include improved mouth feel without an adverse effect on taste or visual appearance.

Claim 32 (new) A method for preparing an edible product having improved organoleptic properties, which comprises incorporating into a solid or semi-solid foodstuff a calcareous residue of corallinaceae containing primarily mineral substances with a content of heavy metals below the upper limits acceptable for edible products in an amount up to 5% by weight of the resulting product such that the edible product has improved organoleptic properties as compared to said foodstuff free of said calcareous residue.